



29th March 2018

Dear Stakeholder,

Fishing with pots for shellfish such as whelks, cuttlefish, crabs and lobsters, is really important to coastal communities in Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight and for some species is an inshore fishing activity which has been carried out for generations.

In order to support coastal communities and the future sustainability of fishing, the Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) is reviewing the existing management arrangements for inshore pot fishing within the district. We are at the beginning of the process and want to hear your views from the outset.

As a guide, please could you consider a response to the following questions:

1. Do you currently fish with pots in the Southern IFCA district? If yes, please specify the area fished and target species.
2. What are your views on the current inshore pot fisheries in your local area?
3. What improvements would you like to see in these fisheries? If any?
4. How do you think these improvements could be achieved?
5. Please provide any further information that you think would be helpful.

This initial '*call for information*' will last for three months, during this time we encourage you to discuss your views and opinions with Southern IFCA officers and local fishing associations, who we will be contacting directly. Please submit your response in writing, either by email or letter, on or before 29th June 2018.

The information received during this process will be used to consider what, if any, further measures may be taken to support local fisheries. If further measures are identified we will conduct further informal consultation in 2018.

If you have any further questions or if you would like to arrange a meeting with officers please contact the Southern IFCA office on 01202 721373 or via email on enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk.

How to Respond

By email to: enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk

In writing to: Southern IFCA
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Confidentiality Disclaimer

At the end of the consultation period we will summarise the responses received and place this summary on our website at www.southern-ifca.gov.uk.

Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be available publicly, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. Because of these laws, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep these details confidential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Pia Bateman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Pia Bateman

Deputy Chief Officer, Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority